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American Missionary Association.

THE thirty-eighth annual meeting of the American Missionary Association will be held in Salem, Mass.—October. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Geo. Leon Walker, D. D., of Hartford, Conn.

FINANCIAL.

Total receipts for the nine months ending June 30 are \$176,991.39, as against \$202,452.51 for the corresponding months of the previous year, showing a decrease of \$25,461.11. At the end of May we were \$24,666.55 behind the previous year. At the end of April we were \$14,744.12 behind. We must not be left to close the year with a debt. We cannot believe that our friends will allow it. But they must speak and act promptly.

THE FIELD IS THE WORLD.

“That they all may be one,” is the Saviour’s expressed desire for his disciples. In proportion as Christians live near to Christ they will themselves feel the power of this great desire flowing in upon them.

Whatever pertains to the establishment of the Kingdom anywhere will interest Christians everywhere. Prayer and plan and purpose will feed upon every report that comes from the great field.

We often meet with examples of the outworking of this fact in the experience of missionaries. Hill-top answers to hill-top and valley responds

to valley, as a cry for help or a call to joy over victory breaks upon the air.

The American Board wants a new Morning Star, and a missionary of the A. M. A. promptly rallies his little mission Sunday-school to take a hundred shares in the enterprise—a small amount to be sure, but out of their deep poverty it comes as a large and strong expression of love for the Kingdom of their dear Lord. The A. M. A. is threatened with embarrassment by reason of shrinking receipts, and a missionary of the American Board in Turkey promptly sends on a remittance saved from his scanty salary that the work suffer not.

Knowledge of these two facts comes to us on the same day, and it starts trains of thought strangely tender and inspiring. "That they all may be one," leaps to the lip and is once more uttered. It is the prayer of the ages ever offered and ever being fulfilled. Christ's thought is the thought of his followers. He is in their hearts. To the music of that prayer the church is marching. Even so, Lord Jesus, may Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as in Heaven.

HON. J. J. H. GREGORY recently gave an address in Topsfield, Mass., in behalf of the colored normal school, Wilmington, N. C. He emphasized the idea that educating the emancipated race is a debt of conscience, and his words are said to have had a double effect from the fact that it was well-known by his hearers that he had given thousands of dollars to the cause. The meeting was varied by music and readings and was reported as very enjoyable. Money for two scholarships at Wilmington was secured. We bid Brother Gregory God-speed, and trust that he and other friends of the Association will be interested to hold many such meetings.

MISSIONARY ADVOCATES.

Missions are a part of the Christian system. They are to the church what the branches are to the vine. They take and give. Their usefulness is reciprocal. As the leaves, drinking in the sunshine and the dew, send back the nutriment to the roots and trunk, so does the outlying work of the churches send home to the parent stock warmth and life.

Most certainly the impression given by the Acts of the Apostles is, that the chief business of the early churches was that of promoting missions. Heeding the Macedonian cry, laying by in store, distributing to the necessities of the saints, praying for laborers; these things are the tide-marks in their annals. It was a remark of the late Dr. Budington that he should not care to live were it not for the work of Christian missions. They are the life of many men and many churches. Dr. Gladden has said in a recent publication: "The best cement for our Congregational

churches, the only one that can hold them together long, is missionary zeal." But missionary zeal cannot be expected without missionary intelligence. The knowledge shed abroad of the aggressive work of the church is due largely to the pastors; not a little of it also is gained by reading missionary publications, but it seems to us, at least, that in the economy of Providence, more is frequently needful. Experts are wanted, men and women who are especially charged with the affairs of missions—those giving their entire time to the subject—and by so doing qualifying themselves to speak as no others can. The enthusiasm and devotion of such advocates is contagious. It lifts people, stranded by indifference and anchored by apathy, out of their moorings, giving confidence, courage, strength, and setting in motion a score of dormant activities. These missionary heralds may be sometimes unwelcome, as one who awakes us early for a journey, but without them we might miss our journey's end. Missionary advocates are a part of the necessary cost for the support of the local church. The sexton could be spared better; for the church does not exist for the support of the sexton or for what he does. It exists to promote the Kingdom of God—and whether it has true prosperity or not depends upon its efforts for the promotion of that Kingdom. We have said that missions were a part of the Christian system. Are not missionary advocates essential for the right development and support of that system? If so, should not their services be more sought and more generally regarded as a valuable part of Christ's work in qualifying men for the duties of his church in the world?

COURAGE IN THE MINISTRY.

There are few elements of character more potent than Christian courage. It serves as a substitute for strength, appliances and numbers. It is the chief capital of him who chases a thousand. Its springs are in God. Physical strength, mental ability, may minister to it, but not so much as faith, love, obedience, prayer. This courage is an essential qualification for the ministry, whether the place of labor be at home or on a mission field. When Peter and John offered their prayer for help after the Day of Pentecost, it was burdened with the petition that God would grant unto them that with all boldness they might speak his word, and Paul boasts of his boldness of speech as though it were a great advantage. Persons interested in divine things seek to know what God the Lord may say unto them. Whatever inspires confidence as to the authority of the speaker, whatever convinces the hearer that his commission is from the Holy Ghost, it is that which gives assurance and stimulates faith. When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.

This boldness has been a characteristic of the long line of eminent

disciples who have battled for the right till the present. Different phases of society in the epochs of church history have shaped the efforts of the bold men in accordance with the evils of the time. The warfare, however, has been against wrong thinking and wrong doing always.

We are by no means exempt in our day from the evils that require Christian courage. Possibly never before was the temptation to self-indulgence on the part of professing Christians greater, or the allurements of the world more potent, than now. We live in an age of great possibilities. God has put it into the power of his church to extend his kingdom to the ends of the earth. The young men and women needful are educated. The fields are white with the harvest. The material wealth sufficient, is controlled by those who have named the name of the Lord. Nothing lies in the way of the grandest, the most extensive missionary achievements, save the spirit of self indulgence. Getting honor, position, pleasure, wealth, fame, these are too often the pursuits of those who have given themselves to Christ with the most solemn vows.

What is wanted is a ministry competent to cope with these tendencies—men with courage and conscience to break down the idolatry of covetousness, to restore even among God's people due respect for the Sabbath, and to emphasize religion as man's noblest and chief concern. There are many such men; they are wanted. There are others, however, who fear their people, who count the cost according to man's arithmetic rather than by the equations of God's providence. Such men, it seems to us, are not wanted. They smooth the slippery way to destruction, and occupy places they never fill. Our benevolent societies need most, those who shall exalt the place of missions in the hearts of God's people; men, powerful to awaken the spirit of prayer; ingenious to select and inspire the choicest of the young, for the work of Christ in the outlying world; courageous to call for gifts where opposition or indifference to giving for missions abounds. Such men will not fail either for place or influence. They may be compelled to contend with a volume and flood of worldliness amid the thick and hurry of this all-absorbing age, but they will be fed with hidden manna from the unseen, and however hot the conflict, One able to deliver according to his mighty word will be with them always.

THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM—A SUGGESTION.

It has been found by many churches that have adopted the envelope system for raising funds for charities that a disposition is developed to make use of it to secure a part or the whole of the current expenses of the church. Weekly offerings for this purpose are generally popular with the people, and not unfrequently enough money is secured readily in this way where formerly it was difficult to provide adequately for the wants of the parish. Those, however, who are especially solicitous for the pros-

perity of our benevolent societies, look with more or less alarm on what seems to them a perversion of the system from its chief original design. They believe that some worshippers content themselves with making one donation on the Sabbath, even if it be simply for current expenses when, were it not for the envelope system thus used, a gift might have been secured for missions.

The pastor of one of our prominent churches has devised a plan for raising funds which is fitted to remove the objection alluded to, and also to secure a full expression of interest in behalf of any mission work brought before the people. We give below his circular used on the occasion of a collection for this Association.

JUNE, 1884.

I have contributed this month to the American Missionary Association.

Signed,.....

Dear Brother:

We wish to learn what proportion of our number contribute to our great missionary enterprises. Please help us by first signing your name to the above and then dropping it into the basket with your gift.

If I do not find your name I shall suppose you were not present, and shall send this to you during the week, that you may give us your autograph next Sabbath or send it by mail.

Yours for co-operation in every good work,
— — — — —, (Pastor).

SWARMING BY SILENT PARTNERS.

The analogies in nature appear sometimes in unexpected fashion. The well-known feature of swarming in bee life has been happily appropriated by the girls connected with a Methodist Woman's Missionary Society, as it might be also by the more youthful members of many such organizations. "Swarming" by the bees under the guidance of instinct promotes the productive life of the industrious creatures. Swarming by the junior and frequently "silent partners" in many such societies would tend to happy development of gifts and usefulness in time.

THE mortality of colored people in Southern cities when compared with that of the whites is exceedingly suggestive. No doubt the blacks are better adapted to the climate. The difficulty is, the negroes suffer from lack of comfortable dwellings, medical attendance, suitable food and proper care. This is due largely to their ignorance. The statistics given below are for the last week in May, which is probably one of the worst in the year for young children. Nevertheless they are full of suggestions as to what the friends of humanity should do for the improvement of these people. New Orleans, 12 whites, per 1,000 of population, and 27 blacks; Nashville, Tenn., 17 whites and 27 blacks; Augusta, Ga., 13 and 34; Atlanta, Ga., 19 and 49; Charleston, S. C., 18 and 39; and Richmond, Va., 19 and 50.

INDIVIDUAL DONORS.

The greater part of the gifts that flow into our treasury are received at regular church collections. This is as it should be. Many benevolent persons give statedly and systematically in this way. Without them the cause of missions would suffer irreparably.

Others, however, wish to render us assistance more frequently than church collections occur for the Association. These make their offerings periodically in harmony with some rule laid down by themselves, or at such times as may be warranted by the receipt of income. Their gifts and kindly words are very cheering. The spontaneity about them imparts courage. Not unfrequently we have knowledge that the money sent has been saved by rigid economy and forwarded with prayer. This makes the gift more precious, and is an encouragement to renewed fidelity and consecration. It is also a satisfaction and help to know the names and residences of such people. It gives us the advantage the particular has over the general, and enhances fellowship among "laborers together with God" which we are sure is pleasing to Him. We trust all such laborers may be blessed and multiplied a hundred fold.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The *State Ledger*, Jackson, Miss., is one of the ablest and most influential papers in the State. Its editor attended the recent Commencement exercises at our Tougaloo University. He was so deeply interested that he devoted two and a half columns to a description of what he saw and heard. We make the following brief quotation :

"We must say that we were not only agreeably surprised, but delighted with the school, the teachers, proficiency of the pupils and the general lovely surroundings of the place. The school is doing a good work for the colored boys and girls of Mississippi, and we are glad to learn that it is in a prosperous condition. * * * Many of our citizens attended the exercises Wednesday night, and were well entertained. Too much cannot be said of the evening's performance."

A few friends in Milltown, New Brunswick, have contributed a set of Cutler's new anatomical charts to the Tillotson Institute, Austin, Texas.

Mrs. E. L. Breckbill, of Oberlin, Ohio, has made a gift of \$200 to the Second Congregational Church, of Memphis, toward the improvement of the parsonage.

BENEF ACTIONS.

The will of the late George Hudson, the philanthropist and millionaire of Sunderland, England, bequeaths \$1,000,000 for the maintenance and education of orphans in Sunderland.

Mrs. ex-Gov. Stanford, of San Francisco, has given \$5,000 to aid free kindergartens in that city.

Brown University, Providence, R. I., has received the sum of \$50,000 from the estate of the late Gardner Colby, of Maine.

The Theological Seminary of the Northwest has received \$20,000 from Mr. Tuthill King, of Chicago.

Mr. P. T. Barnum has given \$55,000 to Tufts College, to found a Museum of Natural History.

Denver University has received \$100,000 from the wife of Bishop Warren for the establishment of a department of divinity, to be known as the Iliff School of Divinity.

Mr. James W. Bosler, of Carlisle, Pa., has given a library building to Dickinson College, costing about \$30,000.

By the will of the late Joseph A. Dudley, Hamilton College is to receive \$5,000.

The Northfield Seminary, a school for girls started a few years since by Mr. Moody, will dedicate during the coming autumn Marquand Memorial Hall, which has been provided for by a gift of \$66,000 from the Trustees of the Marquand estate.

There are nearly 2,000,000 men in the Southern States entitled to cast the ballot who cannot read and write, an increase of about 200,000 in ten years. Christian patriotism demands that these men be provided with an educated ministry and their children with teachers qualified to instruct them in all that pertains to right Christian living. Gifts to missionary colleges South are wanted imperatively.

GENERAL NOTES.

AFRICA.

—The telegraphic cable, which will unite Senegal to Teneriffe and to Europe, will land at Dakar and not at Saint Louis.

—The French minister at Tangiers is negotiating with the Sultan of Morocco on the subject of a rectification of the frontier of Sud-Oranais to put an end to the incursions of Moorish plunderers upon Algerian territory.

—David Williamson, appointed to the missions at Old Calabar, has started for his field. As these stations are more than 60 miles from the coast, he will be of great use to the present missionary establishments there.

—According to the Bulletin of the Italian Society of Geography, M. Maurizio Buonafanti has traversed Africa from Tripoli to the Gulf of Guinea, by Fezzan, Bornou, Timbuctoo and Dahomey.

—Captain Gissing has been appointed English vice-consul at Mombas, where the steamers from Aden to Zanzibar touch each fortnight. The

missionaries at Frere-Town fear a heavy importation of spirituous liquors in this part of the coast. The vice-consul has promised to do his best to hinder it.

—A letter from Sir John Kirk, of Zanzibar, reports that M. Hore has had a stroke of paralysis, which threatens to hinder the construction of the steamer for Tanganyika. It is hoped that he will soon recover, such attacks being frequent in this latitude, and usually only temporary.

—Dr. Zintgraff, who has started with Dr. J. Chavanne for the Congo, has carried with him a phonograph that he may take impressions of the language and the melodies of the tribes as yet unknown. The plates used in Africa will be sent to Berlin, where they will be made to reproduce the sounds which they have received.



MISSION STATION ON STANLEY POOL.

THE CHINESE.

—Mr. Yan Phou Lee, a young Chinese gentleman connected with a publishing house in Boston, is attracting considerable attention by his lectures on education in China, the Chinese women, and light and darkness in the middle kingdom. Mr. Lee was at one time a student at Yale College.

—Scheng Ki-Tong, a Chinese nobleman at present in Paris, has written an article for the *Revue des Deux Mondes* in which he says that celibacy is regarded as a crime in China and that it is more common to see grandmothers of thirty than spinsters of that age in the Celestial kingdom.

—Five societies having missions in Canton, China, baptized the past year 395 persons. The London and American Baptist missions each have 380 members, the Wesleyan 300, the Berlin mission 500 and the American Presbyterians 600. The number of adult members in the Canton province is about 4,000.

—It is said that the largest contribution to the Episcopal foreign mission work last year was made by Mr. Charles Ping Li. The amount was \$5,000 and was given to St. Luke's Hospital in Shanghai.

—The Chinese Sunday-school connected with the Mount Vernon church, Boston, know how to enjoy a good time. Once a year they, with their friends, make an excursion to Nantasket Beach and celebrate by flying kites, firing crackers and indulging in other harmless sports. This year they were addressed by Rev. D. W. Waldron, Mr. R. H. Stearns and Mr. Ah Foon.

THE INDIANS.

—An Indian school, modeled after the one at Carlisle, has been opened near Arkansas City, and already is well filled with Indian youths.

—Twenty-five Indian children from the Yankton agency have entered schools elsewhere. Six went to Wabash, Indiana, and nineteen to the new Government boarding school at Genoa, Nebraska. All had been regular attendants at Sunday-School.

—The Indians at Sisseton agency have adopted a constitution patterned after the constitution of the United States, preamble and all. Three distinct departments for government—the legislative, the judicial and the executive—are provided for. These Indians, not taxed, bid fair to become qualified for American citizenship.

—AN INDIAN WARRIOR'S NEW DEPARTURE.—A Carlisle student, short-statured, straight-haired, copper colored, with a nice suit of clothes, was returning on the cars to his reservation when addressed by a young prig who had come into the smoking-car from the sleeper. "An Indian, I guess," said the young chap, as he lighted a cigarette. And then, approaching the son of the plains, he attracted general attention by shouting with strange gestures: "Ugh, heap big Injun! Omaha? Sioux? Pawnee? See great father? Have drink firewater? Warm Injun's blood!" The copper-colored savage gazed at the young man a moment, with an ill-concealed expression of contempt on his face, and then he said, with good pronunciation, "You must have been reading some dime novels, sir. I am going back to my people in Montana, after spending three years in the East at school. I advise you to do the same thing. No, I do not drink whisky. Where I live gentlemen do not carry whisky-flasks in their pockets." The cigarette was not smoked out, and, amid a general laugh, a much crestfallen young man retired to the sleeping coach.

THE SOUTH.

REV. JOSEPH E. ROY, D.D., FIELD SUPERINTENDENT.

PROF. ALBERT SALISBURY, SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

ANNIVERSARY REPORTS.

BEREA COLLEGE, KY.

PROF. L. V. DODGE.

Days of toil, days of anxiety, days of inspiration, make up these commencement occasions. The crowds that flock into Berea once a year have little conception of the extra exertion on the part of teachers and pupils required to prepare these intellectual repasts.

The outline of entertainments for the week was as follows : Friday night, 20th inst., anniversary of the literary societies ; Saturday night, exhibition of the primary, secondary and grammar schools ; Sunday, A. M., baccalaureate sermon by Pres. Fairchild ; Monday and Tuesday, public oral examinations ; Monday night, address before the Y. M. C. A., by Rev. W. J. Simmons, President of the Colored Baptist Normal and Theological Institute of Louisville ; Tuesday night, address before the literary societies by Rev. M. W. Darling, of Elkhart, Ind. ; Wednesday, June 25, Commencement.

The anniversary of the Phi Delta and Ladies' Literary Societies was presided over by the Presidents, Jas. S. Hathaway, of Mt. Sterling, and Serena F. Van Winkle, of Berea. Five young gentleman and four young ladies presented carefully prepared exercises.

The joint exhibition of the lower schools, sometimes jocosely called the "toy commencement," ranked next to the real commencement in the estimation of the community. How the people crowded the chapel ! How the fathers, mothers, "cousins, and sisters and aunts" watched every motion and listened for every accent of the hopefuls (not all genuinely young) who spoke "in public on the stage." It seemed as if the interest of the people was in the inverse ratio of the age and attainments of the participants.

The President's baccalaureate sermon, upon the subject of Rational Theology, was one of the most elaborate and suggestive which he ever has delivered.

The examinations were but sparingly attended, though all had more or less visitors. The written examinations, held a month earlier, were the chief reliance of the Faculty as a test of scholarship.

Professor Simmons' address had a subject appropriate to the occasion, "The Literature of the Bible." It was carefully written and effectively delivered.

"Some Elements of Success" was the topic discussed by Mr. Darling before the societies. Mr. Darling spoke extemporaneously, employing impressive gestures and apt illustrations, and made his points to the delight of the audience.

But Commencement Day is the day of days at Berea; and the one just past may be considered a red letter day in the history of the institution. For did we not have the iron horse as an aid for gathering a crowd, the first time in all our experience ? We always have hundreds and hundreds of horses tethered to the trees in the college park ; a thousand pedestrians pour into the grounds, commencing two hours before the time set for the exercises ; some of these walk even so far as twenty miles, to be present on the great occasion. But *this* year three

trusty steeds brought us a thousand visitors, and stood all day, without hitching, awaiting the return from the college grounds of the precious freight. Over four hundred tickets for the excursion were sold at Richmond alone. One visiting the railroad station at night, watching the mass of surging humanity crowding for entrance into the coaches, and looking at the cars so full that the aisles were packed with standing passengers, as one train steamed out behind another, could scarcely realize that he was in little Berea, in the midst of a grove where, until now, the earth seldom has been pressed by human foot, and not at the depot of some metropolis. Readers of the *MISSIONARY*, we of Berea, after years of wading through mud and jolting over rough roads, after using every honest measure (and we trust no others) to attract the rails of steel this way, are now ready to accept congratulations. Three cheers will be in order; hip, hi—, stop, seven hundred words did you say was my limit? Well, let us talk a minute about Commencement exercises.

From 9:30 to 12:30 the exercises continued. There were sixteen orations and essays and a world of music, both vocal and instrumental. Horns, piano and vocal organs, all contributed. Of the speakers, six were ladies, ten gentlemen; six were white, ten otherwise; twelve from Kentucky, one from Tennessee, one from Arkansas, one from Ohio, and one from Illinois; one graduates (classical course), three were Juniors, seven Sophomores, and five Freshmen. The graduate, Jas. S. Hathaway, is not lighter complexioned than any other whom you might select from the programme, and if I knew that he would not see the *MISSIONARY* I would say he is no less than peer with the graduates of the best Northern colleges.

Many of your readers need no further description of the regular address of the afternoon, when told that it was by Dr. W. H. Ward, of the *N. Y. Independent*, and its topic, "The Testimony of God's Providence to His Holy Word." Short and stirring addresses followed.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GA.

PROF. HORACE BUMSTEAD, D. D.

President Ware's baccalaureate sermon, June 8, opened the exercises of commencement week. It was a vigorous and earnest presentation of the character of Daniel as a model of fidelity to principle, worthy of imitation in these times of degeneracy in the commercial, the political and the ecclesiastical worlds. The new chapel in Stone Hall, now comfortably provided with seats through the gifts of friends, was, on this occasion, used for the first time in religious service. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were occupied with examinations in the presence of the Board of Visitors appointed annually by the Governor to attend the closing exercises of the State University, at Athens, and those of Atlanta University. In the speeches which these gentlemen made when the examinations were concluded, they expressed themselves, as their predecessors have so often done, in terms of heartiest approval mingled with surprise at what they had seen and heard.

Thursday was Commencement Day. In the newly repaired Friendship Baptist Church a very large audience was gathered, among whom were to be seen Georgia's truly excellent Governor, McDaniel (elected without opposition as the successor of Alexander H. Stephens); also Comptroller General Wright, and School Commissioner Orr, with other distinguished citizens of Atlanta. Three were graduated from the college course, and ten from the Normal course. The degree of A. M. was conferred upon a graduate of three years' standing, who, since his graduation, has been studying law at the Boston University Law School, and who, in connection with his studies, has done some good service toward toning up the political life of New England, thus repaying in some measure the gifts of New

England friends who helped him to get his education in Atlanta University. Such instances as this, which can be matched by others equally encouraging, fully justify the long and thorough course of study provided by Atlanta University, in which something more than surface impressions can be made upon the students; and they furnish a sufficient answer to those who in their excessive zeal for the new industrial education are tempted to speak slightly of the old-fashioned training of the intellect and the conscience.

At the same time, Atlanta University is determined not to be behindhand in appropriating whatever is good in the latest educational movements of the day. The very boys who have been studying Latin and Greek have also during the past year been spending an hour a day and two hours on Saturday in learning the use of wood-working tools. Others have had constant instruction in farming and gardening, and have competed for prizes in the cultivation of their individual garden patches of a square rod each. The girls of the graduating class have spent about half of their last year in the Housekeeping Cottage, under a special teacher, learning the various domestic arts. Industrial drawing has been taught to a large number of the pupils, and a very creditable exhibition of original designs, some of them in colors, was made during commencement week. Music, which by the way, ought to be considered more of a practical art than it has been, is taught to the entire body of students by the Tonic-sol-fa method.

The outlook for the coming year in this same direction is very encouraging. Assurances have been received that between six and seven thousand dollars will soon be in hand for the erection and equipment of an industrial building to be provided with power. It is expected that this building will be ready for use in the autumn.

Through rigid economy in the expenditures of the school, a debt which was feared some months ago has been averted, and the year closes with a gratifying balance in the treasury. Nearly every teacher has been doing work outside of his or her own department, and some positions of great importance will have to remain vacant during the coming year unless unexpected revenues should enable us to fill them. It would be difficult to find an institution where a permanent endowment is more imperatively needed, or where it would accomplish a greater amount of good than in Atlanta University.

TILLOTSON INSTITUTE, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

PROF. W. L. GORDON.

On Tuesday of the first week in June occurred the oral examinations. Careful observers noticed a creditable advance in perfecting the organization of the school and the results of more uniformly effective methods of teaching.

A musical and literary entertainment occurred on Wednesday evening. Both the daily papers of the city, as well as the *Citizen*, published by a colored man, contained extended reports of the exercises. There was not a failure during the evening. The music, both instrumental and vocal, was highly appreciated by the audience. Two pieces were repeated by request.

On Thursday morning the exercises were appropriately begun by the anthem, "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord." Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. A. Grant, of the A. M. E. Church. It proved that the best of the literary wine, as well as of the spice which is relished "now and then" by the "best of men" had been saved for this closing occasion. All did credit to themselves individually and to the institution. The original productions of Messrs. Chase and Terrell on the respective subjects, "The Whites Our Friends" and "Our

Work," called forth expressions of high commendation from the distinguished gentlemen present.

Governor Ireland, Judges Delany, Fullmore and Moore, Rev. Dr. Wright, trustee of the institution, Mr. A. P. Woolridge, the leading spirit in educational matters of Austin, Doctors Neale and McKinlay, Revs. Grant, Madison, and Taylor, Prof. Blackshear and other prominent men, were present. Several of them spoke and showed themselves, as they have on other occasions, to be in sympathy with the work. The exercises at Tillotson were such as to deepen that feeling in them and in every fair-minded person. It has a very considerable hold upon the *best* people of Austin if not of the South.

Speaking of their civil rights trouble, Gov. Ireland said "True worth is not eagerly self-assertive ; but to real merit and fitness, recognition will in time assuredly come." This is undoubtedly a good sentiment, but it requires more than weak human nature to wait its operation *patiently*. These same young people, who had been led to think the white people friends, pledged to abstinence, not only from alcoholic drinks, but from all forms of tobacco, with first-class tickets in their hands, were, a few hours after these exercises, ordered out of the car to which their tickets entitled them and compelled to breathe air as obnoxious to many of them as it would have been to your sister or mine.

Pardon this digression. I believe in looking at the bright side of life ; but I do not wish to look at it so steadily as to go blind. Southern people throw the blame on the Northern owners of these Southern roads. They are told in reply that Southern prejudice requires it. Meanwhile the colored man waits, not always patiently or quietly, but waits nevertheless. May the Lord give him grace and hasten the time. If it be His will, may it be hastened by such means as are used by the American Missionary Association in such schools as Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute.

A report from Tillotson would be incomplete without a statement that the Holy Spirit has been doing a special work among us. During the last three weeks of the term more than twenty students professed faith in Christ and a willingness to follow Him. We trust that He has gone with others to their homes, and that the beginning of another school year will find them on the Lord's side. Altogether we think the outlook was never so good as now.

NORMAL INSTITUTE, LEXINGTON, KY.

PROF. GEO. F. JEWETT.

The work of the past year has been pleasant and satisfactory. It is often remarked that the colored people do not appreciate the help given them, but when the close of a year comes and a special invitation is extended to all to visit the school and see the progress made by the children, they do surely show their appreciation of our labor by their presence and their hearty, spontaneous approval of the work done.

Our school closed May 30th with public examination in all branches pursued. Our blackboards, decorated with original designs, presented an attractive appearance and called forth much comment. One of our boys made a design and sold it to a wagon painter, thus making practical use of his knowledge of drawing. One of the pleasantest exercises of our work has been the music. We used Mason's music charts, teaching scientifically. Without doubt we have done much to elevate the style of music in the churches and homes of the people in Lexington. A cultivated white lady from the North remarked, "You ought to be proud of your singing."

There are many people who think that we should take our pupils and make a

model Boston or St. Louis school in a few weeks or months. This is not possible. It requires years of hard and diligent work. We must go up the rounds slowly and the rounds must be very near together. The elementary work has necessarily been slow, but we have made thoroughness and not speed the object. There have been 144 pupils in the school the past year, with an average attendance of about 100. We have no grade below the third reader. Some of our pupils, seeing that the public schools are very poor, are preparing to take the July examinations for certificates of teaching in the public schools, and some will probably teach in the city schools the coming year.

LE MOYNE NORMAL SCHOOL, MEMPHIS, TENN.

REV. B. A. IMES.

The facilities for prosecuting the work of the year were greatly increased by the enlargement of the building.

A sewing room and kitchen for the Girls' Industrial Department were added, also beautiful and commodious rooms for the Intermediate and Grammar grades, several new recitation rooms, with old ones improved, and libraries re-arranged.

One thousand dollars were contributed by leading citizens of Memphis, in addition to the same amount from the A. M. A. We thankfully acknowledge the benefaction. The improved building bears witness to the zealous energy of Principal A. J. Steele, who during last summer learned many of the interesting and valuable things connected with soliciting money for the public benefit. He also found health and strength from the saw and hammer as he kept stroke with the carpenters during August and September.

The catalogue for 1883-4 shows a total enrollment of 350 pupils. The Grammar grade and a second primary are new features of classification and a decided advantage to the general arrangement of the school. Part of the final examinations consisted in papers prepared for the National Association in Wisconsin. The work in arithmetic, grammar, geography, and pencil drawing exhibits a fair degree of neatness and skill.

The closing exercises really began two weeks ago, when a fair was held by the Girls' Industrial Department. The good demand for the wares of both sewing and cooking classes evinced the success of their effort, and hope for the future in that line of work.

Sunday, May 25, came the annual sermon (by the writer), text: I. Samuel, 16; 12—"And the Lord said, arise, anoint him, for this is he." Subject, "Education for Our Times and Duties."

The Junior exhibition came on the following Tuesday night; primary, intermediate and grammar grades were represented. A programme somewhat lengthy was well carried out and about \$70 secured for the benefit of the public library. Two days later seven young people were graduated from the Elementary Normal Course, and received certificates. In all these exercises the music department deserved credit for good music.

It is regretted that we cannot speak of more apparent religious interest and results, yet there is reason to hope that seed has been sowed which is not lost. The daily moral influence has been better, perhaps, than ever before. The time allotted for Bible study each week has been characterized by thoughtfulness and attention, so that doubtless the convictions of duty and the faith of those already professed Christians must be more established.

Six out of ten teachers came last fall to this work for the first time, and those who may return have reason to hope that the past year's pleasant relations in the "Home" and in the work of the school may not only be renewed but with in-



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creased power for usefulness, as also in connection with the Sabbath-school and the church. Now, will not our good friends somewhere decide that next year Memphis shall have a special lady missionary to assist us in the work in this large and needy field? There is enough encouragement in the work to stimulate Christian endeavor—there is sufficient difficulty to show us what must follow in this country if the work is not done.

BURRELL SCHOOL, SELMA, ALA.

PROF. E. C. SILSBY

In view of the ever-recurring question of dress, the principal issued a circular letter addressed to the patrons, in which the following sentences appear: "We urgently request that you do not go to the unnecessary expense of purchasing new dresses and other clothing for your children to appear in at public entertainments. It is not our purpose to impose burdens on any one. We have announced that the clothing they wear to Sabbath-school or church is suitable for any school exercise in which they are to appear. We hope our pupils will be noticeable for the *clean and simple* manner in which they dress, rather than for showy extravagance." This request was very generally heeded.

Beginning on Monday, May 26, four days were devoted to the examination of classes and display of the pupils' handiwork. We were favored with pleasant weather, our scholars did well (with few exceptions) and never was there so large an attendance of visitors. Some of our girls in the advanced department were discussing the subject of examinations and hoping they would make a creditable appearance, when one insisted: "We must do well, for our teacher would feel so bad if we were to fail." Such remarks are wonderfully encouraging in the midst of the teachers' perplexing and often trying experiences. The display above referred to was made by pupils of every department. There were maps varying from three inches to as many feet in length; relief maps modeled in clay; drawings, original and copied; the written work of classes in vocal music, arithmetic, reading and language; specimens of penmanship, plain and ornamental; while a most attractive exhibit was presided over by a committee from the class in domestic economy. It was a collection of eatables, made by their own busy fingers, and consisting of bread, cookies, cakes and canned fruit. How did it taste? How do all such things taste when successfully made? This same class presented some of their sewing also. Then, too, some of the young men and boys produced a collection of articles which displayed their skill in carpentry, such as a table with drawer, a pigeon-house, a wash-board, etc.

It has always been our purpose to identify ourselves with the work of the church—to interest the church in our work. Our pupils being from families representing different denominations we have endeavored to labor in harmony with all. For this and other reasons we decided this year to hold our four literary and musical entertainments in four of the colored churches.

The first exercise, in the A. M. E. Z. church, was by the older pupils, and consisted of choice selections from Byron, Jerrold, Shakespeare, Scudder, Willis, and others, recited or declaimed. The day following, pupils of the primary and intermediate departments gave their exhibition of declamations, dialogues, recitations and songs, in the Baptist church.

On Friday afternoon we listened to the reading of essays in the Congregational church by a class of six, who had finished the studies of the A grammar department. The course of study prescribed for this grade prepares the pupil for doing creditable work in the country schools, and the county superintendents of this and other counties have given teachers' certificates to the graduates of the

department, without examination. We endeavor to anticipate the needs of these graduates, and give them an elementary normal training. Over fifty per cent. have been, or are now, engaged in teaching, one young man finding his way to Louisiana, where for a number of year, as teacher, Sunday-school worker, temperance speaker and "exhorter" he has been doing much good.

The motto for this year's class was "Step by step we gain the Heights." After reading their essays, the class song, written by one of the teachers, was sung. We give the concluding verse:

" Not for fame, and not for glory,
Shall we strive to gain the heights,
But that in the mist and darkness
We may better hold the lights."

At 8:30 P. M. the closing concert was given in the A. M. E. Church, before a crowded house.

BEACH INSTITUTE, SAVANNAH, GA.

REV. DANA SHERRILL.

This mere formal statement concerning the closing exercises of Beach Institute will be of slender meaning to those who do not know on the one hand how "proud" is the ill-educated mother, hereaway, at the amazing attainments of her child, and on the other of how much "vain attempt" the teacher, hard wrought, is conscious, who strives to materialize the ideal with matter and opportunity at hand.

On Sunday night, May 25, the writer of this report addressed the graduating class from Jude 20, on the one foundation of worthy character, the text being suggested by the fact that the whole class were Christians.

The examinations were chiefly written and therefore not public. Patrons of the school and all visitors have shown an unusual interest in the sewing classes. The final exhibit of products manifested very great progress in case of those pupils who have been held constantly to duty. One hundred and forty garments complete without touch of machine-work were exhibited, besides a goodly array of fancy needle and worsted work.

Thursday, May 29, "Children's Day," bringing forward the younger class in song, recitation and readings, was, and was intended to be, the *high day*. There was perfect command of the parts assigned to each and very decided improvement in expression over any late similar effort of this class of pupils.

Friday night, May 30, occurred the exercises of the graduating class; two young men and three women had been winnowed from a class of fifteen by rigid examinations. To the question, what can you expect of children thirteen and fifteen years of age, it may be affirmed that the essays of the young women were fairly good in the measure of originality, and were not wanting in definiteness and accuracy in the use of words. The speeches of the young men were marked for the natural defects remedied by patient drill and the earnest and decided command of all their power of expression. The audience, which filled the chapel to discomfort, complimented the young people by an attention which was nearly perfect, and was at the same time the best evidence that Beach Institute has a mission and is believed by our best citizens to be executing it wisely. The diplomas of the Institute were awarded by the Superintendent. Two scholarships were presented. During the remarks explaining the nature of the gifts and that they were awarded for scholarship and deportment, a mother who has tugged at the needle many midnight hours to keep her child at school, was praying, "Oh Lord, that one of them might come to us," until aroused by the answer in the call of her daughter to take

the first. The young people in Toledo, Ohio, who have cashed these scholarships, would ask no better reward than the gratitude expressed by this mother.

Our one white visitor expressed his pleasure and astonishment at the degree of attainment and the self-command shown by so young a class of students.

BREWER NORMAL SCHOOL, GREENWOOD, S. C.

MR. J. D. BACKENSTOSE.

The twelfth anniversary of the Brewer Normal School, which occurred June 26, was an occasion of special interest to all its patrons and friends. The morning was cloudy and threatened rain, but, before the hour to commence our exercises arrived, the clouds disappeared and the sun broke forth gladdening our hearts. A very large number of persons assembled in our spacious hall, which was tastefully decorated with wreaths and flags, at 11 o'clock, to hear the annual address which was delivered by the Rev. B. F. Witherspoon, of Anderson. The address was an excellent one and no doubt made a lasting impression on the minds of all who heard it.

At two o'clock the audience again assembled to witness the exercises of the children of the primary department, and expressed themselves delighted with the proficiency exhibited.

At 4.30 was held a memorial service for three of our students who had died during the year. The floral decorations were removed from the rear of the rostrum, and in their stead appeared the emblems of mourning.

Rev. C. T. Goodwin, of the Baptist Church of this place, of which church they were members, delivered a very appropriate and affecting address, which saddened the hearts of nearly all who heard it. The singing at this service was by a quartette, Miss Lizzie, daughter of the Rev. E. D. Spearman, of the A. M. E. Church, presiding at the organ.

At 8 o'clock a very large audience again assembled, crowding our two halls, which were thrown together, to witness the closing exercises, consisting of speeches, dialogues and recitations. By competent judges the declamations were pronounced superior to any heard on former occasions of a similar character. Some of them gave promise of future action and eloquence far beyond our expectation. The colored brass band made this the occasion of their first public appearance and rendered some very sweet music.

The attendance of the citizens from the town through all the public exercises was a very pleasant feature. Brewer Normal has made a deep and lasting impression on the white people. They acknowledge the good work that it has done, and is doing, and believe in the possibilities that are before it. The number of students in attendance has not been quite as great as during the preceding year. The principle cause has been "*hard times*." Yet the attendance has been such as to give full employment to the usual number of teachers. The need of the school for an additional building is still imminent, but in other respects the institution is well provided with facilities for instruction. The prospect for a good crop this year is very encouraging, and we anticipate a large school in the fall. If our highest hopes have not been already realized, we thank God for the progress made. May He put it into the hearts of the benefactors of this race to add to their gifts and prayers for this institution.

EMERSON INSTITUTE, MOBILE, ALA.

MISS LILLIAN PEERS.

According to the custom of past years, preparations were made during the last few weeks for the exhibition, which occurs on the last day of school. This year there were two graduates, a young man and a young woman, who have done faith-

ful work in the Institute, and are now numbered in the earnest, thoughtful band of teachers who are doing their part in the struggle against ignorance. Their orations were a credit to themselves and the institution which sends them forth, and were appreciated by their friends.

The impression among the people seems to be that the children are to show at this time the progress they have made during the year, and so all are anxious to take part. Of course we try to correct this impression, and yet in a measure it is true that the brightest children are chosen to take part in the exhibition, and there must necessarily be some disappointment.

The exercise, "The Workers," was sung and acted, and created much amusement for the audience. The choruses were good, the last one was participated in by the whole school and was sung with enthusiasm. The exercises throughout were well prepared, and at one time we felt quite a thrill at the touch of eloquence which fired the boy who gave us "Barbara Fritchie."

Thus closes another year of work, and though results may not be what we hoped or even expected, we are satisfied to leave that part with the Lord, and while we carry in our prayers and thoughts this summer the people, with their needs and our relation to them, we do look forward to the next year with brighter hopes and a more earnest desire to be consecrated co-workers with God in this glorious work.

WILLIAMSBURG ACADEMY, KY.

MRS. A. A. MYERS.

Our anniversaries! Yes, we've had our anniversaries; though as a school we are scarcely two years old. Of course we had no French essays or Latin orations, but we had the thunder-storm which so generally accompanies commencements, so felt quite at home as we threw our gossamers over our arms and hastened up the eminence which is so prettily crowned by our new Academy building.

The general examinations were held on Thursday, the 12th, and showed an improvement really encouraging. On Friday a crowd gathered in the chapel to enjoy the closing exercises of the term. We first listened to the "A" rhetorical class; then, after intermission, to the intermediate and primary grades. The exercises were well committed, well delivered and well received. The music by the little folks was quite entertaining, and reflected credit on the teachers. The exercise songs and little cantata were especially enjoyable.

I could but wish that those in the North, who have so kindly assisted this work, could have been set down in our little, old, mountain-bound town, to see with us those clean, happy faces, and contrast them with the same faces two years ago, and they would feel that this has been a glorious work. Slow, I know; all such work is. And often, to keep up our courage, we have been obliged to compare the then and now, and always find it an excellent tonic.

At the close of the literary exercises, Professor Wheeler read the following report: Number enrolled during the year, 169. Number enrolled last term, 100. An increase of 76 per cent. over last year. Six pupils not absent during last term. Eleven not tardy. One pupil tardy but once during the year. Another never tardy and absent but twice during the year.

Remarks were then made by citizens, expressive of their gratification with the progress of the pupils, and thankfulness for having such a school in their midst. Many seem to feel as a lady at my left expressed to me: "I tell ye, these youngsters have a different chance than ever I had; I am going to have my grandchildren in here to go next term; they are mighty peart to learn." And so there

are hundreds of "peart" children, and gradually their parents are learning that they can spare them from the corn-fields and keep them in school a few months in the year.

The outlook is favorable, but here, as everywhere, *success* is but another name for *labor*.

THE INDIANS.

FORT BERTHOLD, DAKOTA.

REV. C. L. HALL.

Keeping-on exercises are the only kind we know of here, so when we are asked for an account of the "closing exercises" of our schools by the middle of June we are nonplussed. By the last of the month, teaching will be over at the boarding-school, but the good representatives of the A. M. A. (Mr. and Mrs. Wells) do not seem to believe in dismissing the children to their homes. So the eating three times a day in the new-fangled way with knives and forks, and grace before meals; the teaching of bread-making and cooking, of sewing and scrubbing, and washing and ironing, gardening and farming, is likely to go on all summer. The Moody and Sankey hymns will still be sung, and the little head shorn of its uncivilized braid, and the face washed of its paint and dirt, will make known its favorite song, and then sing it distinctly in English, too, with now and then a verse or two in an Indian dialect to carry the Gospel back to the parent, as well as clinch it in his own heart.

Fifty out of the camps, in a Christian home, three former scholars helping to instruct the others, two reading "Gospel stories," and all losing the fear of their own voices, and learning to speak out in English, that is worth while for the first season's work. Besides this, some forty more attended for part of the season at the Berthold day-school. But if we keep on, the MISSIONARY will not have space for us. It is worth while to keep on preaching and Sabbath-school when the average total attendance each Sunday has been ninety-seven for the season.

One problem we have had was to keep the scholars *in*, for wild nature was too strong to submit to civilized restraint; but kind treatment of body and soul has won the good feelings of the boys and girls, and there seems to be no desire to leave us, and we are *keeping* them *in*, and hope to till they are in Christ. Some motherless, some fatherless, all, in the Christian sense, homeless—bear them in your prayers to Him who will keep us all in.

One more word. We are *keeping up*. Our good superintendent and matron and the teacher, Miss Ward, in some sort represent the A. M. A., but there is only one man left to fling out the full banner on the outer walls of this Fort. Faint, yet pursuing, we are still keeping up. The right help has been very hard to get—disinterested, Christian, efficient help. Mr. Wheeler, who worked faithfully for the year, had to leave, carrying his invalid daughter to the steamboat. Sickness and death have hindered and crippled us, but there are signs of reinforcement and promises of victory, and we are keeping up.

THE CHINESE.

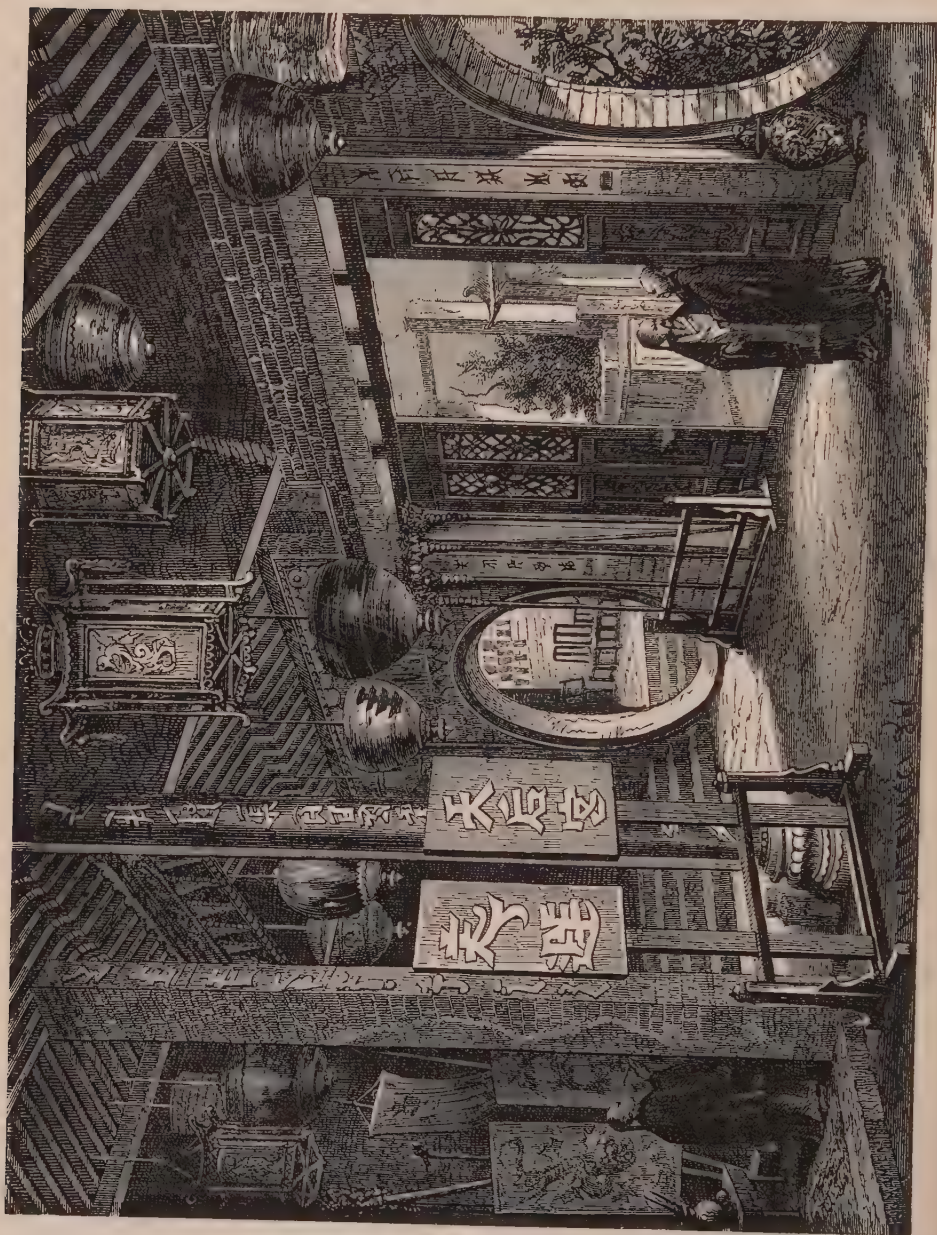
JUE LEE'S ADDRESS.

Last month I gave some account of the Anniversary of our San Francisco schools, and promised to send for this month's *MISSIONARY* the address which Jue Lee delivered on that occasion. Jue Lee is not employed as a helper—is a servant in a family—but does good volunteer service preaching the Gospel, sometimes in one and sometimes in another of our San Francisco schools. The address is entirely his own; not having been even corrected, so far as I know, as to its English idioms.

W. C. POND.

MY DEAR FRIENDS :—I have a short story to tell you, the facts of which occurred when I was quite a small boy. My father had then a store in Canton, not far from the water. You must all know how little boys are, full of curiosity and ever ready for any sport that comes along ;—so I, no different from the rest of them, wandered down to the edge of the water to have a good time. While in the midst of my play, I discovered some kind of an object floating on the water, coming nearer and nearer, until at last it came so near I could distinguish what it was. And what do you suppose it was? I know you never could guess, and so I'm afraid I shall have to tell you. It was a little josh. It came so near to me that, with a desperate effort, I grasped it and brought it to shore. It was very gayly painted, and pleased my childish eye very much. I played with it the rest of the day, and when at last the sun commenced to go down, I proudly carried it home to show the folks and relate my experience. They, of course, were wonderstruck when they saw it and heard my story, and thought that a large josh, probably the father of them all, had commanded him to do as happened, and that good luck would surely follow. So the josh was very carefully put away, and the next day a Chinese priest was called in. The whole story was repeated to him, and he, of course, pronounced it very wonderful and a sure sign of good luck. He bid us choose a place in the house for it and have an altar erected. This was accordingly done, and then he selected a night to come and put it up. We made due preparations to receive the priest, and sat up that entire night. At last, at four o'clock in the morning, he came dressed in different clothes. He went through a great deal of ceremony that was very amusing to me, and then we all offered sacrifices to the josh. In the morning we had an extra breakfast, and a big time generally. We paid the priest his fee, which amounted to about one dollar, and then he left, leaving us to take good care of the newly-consecrated josh. About two years after this I left China to come to California. I had not lived many months in this country before I heard about Christ, and soon I joined the Thirteenth Street School (Barnes' School). I became very much interested and finally joined the Association. I learned more and more of the mighty truth and of our Heavenly Father, and I hope to continue in the good work. When I look back and think of my experience as a child with the josh, I only wonder that I could ever have been so foolish. But, my dear friends, I was in darkness.

A little over three years ago I went back to China on a visit. Right in the same place exactly sat the self-same josh. And now, I want you to know what I did. I took him down, broke him in many pieces and threw him in the water. My



RECEPTION ROOM IN CHINESE MANSION.

people were very much frightened at what I had done, and thought he would certainly do me some harm. But God has taken good care of me ever since, and blest me even more than before. I only hope that God will open their eyes and fill their hearts with the perfect understanding of the almighty truth. How thankful we should be that we are permitted to live in such a glorious Christian land. May God continue to shower his blessings upon us all. Amen !

BUREAU OF WOMAN'S WORK.

MISS D. E. EMERSON, SECRETARY.

At the recent State Conference of Vermont, held in St. Albans, June 10-12, the Woman's Meeting in behalf of the A. M. A. missions was well attended. Addresses were made by Miss Plimpton, the missionary representative of the ladies, and by Miss Emerson, Secretary of the Bureau of the A. M. A. Much interest has been manifested during the year in the Southern work, and the ladies have raised funds to the amount of \$1,009.12, sufficient with local receipts to support not only the one missionary, Miss Plimpton, for whom they were pledged, but two assistants—thus caring for the entire school work at McIntosh, Ga.

Miss Plimpton gave a full and interesting account of the religious and educational work in her field, and the encouraging fact that a large number of pupils from the school would engage in teaching during the summer, carrying the Bible along with the spelling-book, organizing Sunday-schools and temperance bands, giving promptly to others the instruction which, through the kindness of Northern friends, they had received.

The school having outgrown its present accommodations, it is proposed to put up an addition to the building early in the fall at a moderate expense, which the ladies hope to be able to meet within the year. We give in this connection an account of the closing exercises of the school.

The examination began May 29, with a goodly number of the friends and patrons of the school present, some of them coming from nearly a hundred miles away. Careful attention was given to examination in all branches. In the primary department it was certainly gratifying to any one interested in the education of this people to see how well the foundations are being laid. The questions put by visitors received such answers as settled all doubt as to the completeness of the work done in this department. The intermediate department, established in the middle of the year, showed creditable advancement. The grammar department evinced a marked degree of improvement, over previous years, notwithstanding the fact that six of its best pupils are in the Atlanta University. It never has kept its numbers so well in any previous year. The teacher has taken advantage of every opportunity to make this department what it ought to be. Out of it must come the teachers of the public schools to supply the teaching force

for six large counties. For about a hundred and fifty miles south and west of us there is not another school preparing persons to teach.

Our numbers have grown so this year that we have no place in which to teach our scholars. The middle department of about 40 has had to use a room in a private house, 14 x 15 feet, leaving hardly standing room for the teacher and in no way suitable for the work. An additional room to the present school building is absolutely needed before the next school year begins in October.

The number of boarding pupils is increasing every year, with no arrangement for their accommodation. So great was the number of non-resident pupils this year that the pastor found it necessary to pack twelve of them into his home. We hope the time will come when friends interested in the Lord's cause will provide for us, so that these non-resident students can have a suitable home. Here is the opportunity to help a people who have only since a short time ago been given a chance to make of themselves what the Lord intended they should be, and who unless they are educated in the full sense of the word, must sooner or later prove a curse to that people with whom their lot is cast.

In connection with the Maine State Conference at Biddeford the Woman's Aid to the A. M. A. had an excellent meeting at 8.30 A. M., Thursday, June 19th, conducted by Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, chairman, who urged continuance in well-doing, as follows :

"Some have inquired if it makes any difference through what channel we contribute to the A. M. A., provided we contribute in some way. The ladies of Maine have undertaken to support in the South our two missionaries from Maine, and we like to have our contributions turned into this channel. We feel now that this Society, the 'Woman's Aid to Freedmen,' has become a permanent organization in Maine, because those who have so earnestly bestowed their labors and contributions will not cease to feel an interest in this work, and of course we may rely upon them to carry it on. Still, we know that there are others who would gladly lend a helping hand if their attention were once directed to this particular field of missionary labor, and so we ask that the ladies will renew their efforts to increase the interest and also the contributions for the future. Many methods are devised for this end. Miss Emerson's 'Plan with the Reasons,' laid down in the *AMERICAN MISSIONARY* for April, we would highly recommend.

"The magazine itself is only fifty cents a year, and that keeps us informed in regard to this work as well as to the entire work of the A. M. A. Then a free circulation of the monthly letters of the missionaries is necessary.

"The work of collecting, so well planned by our previous committee, has been carried on with fair success during the year just closing. The total receipts for the year ending June 19th, are \$884.96."

Some concise and interesting remarks were made by Miss M. K. Lunt, of Selma, Ala., in regard to her work there. Questions were answered by her respecting the needs of those who are laboring there. In view of the situation, it was proposed that a collection be taken on the spot for the purpose of providing some things for the mission-room, such as closets, tables, chairs, etc., that she may be able to work more comfortably. Twenty-eight dollars were collected on the spur of the moment,

and it was thought best that \$50 be handed to Miss Lunt while at the North, for this purpose.

Miss Farrington not being present, her report was then read.

As I review the work of the past year I find two prominent features—the industrial department and the work for mothers.

Sewing having this year been introduced into the school as a part of the girls' education, it has taken much of my time and attention, but results show that it has been a good investment. 130 girls have been taught plain sewing; more than half of these learned to make button-holes, and a large number have darned and made over stockings and mended other garments. Besides this mending and the patch-work, a large amount of which has been made, more than 200 different articles have been finished.

The instruction given to the mothers has been in regard to the physical, moral and spiritual training of the children. Mrs. D., our pastor's wife, has given "health talks" in the woman's meeting, while I have talked more on the moral improvement, carrying this teaching to the homes of those who do not come to us. We hope these lessons will be the means of saving some of these young people from the evils which surround them.

The books, papers and magazines furnished by kind friends for the reading-room, with the games, such as authors, generals, war of words and dissected pictures, have attracted a large number of young men and the older boys to that place. Each evening I have spent the last 30 or 40 minutes in reading aloud something interesting and helpful.

The improvement in conduct and attention of my Sunday-school class has given me great pleasure. The average attendance has been 40. I can but hope that some of these little ones are lambs of the Good Shepherd. They have contributed \$5.11 the past year for the *Morning Star* and other missionary work. A few of the day scholars have been regular attendants on the children's prayer meeting, and seem to be growing in grace.

Let me thank the Maine ladies for the liberal supply of clothing, bedding and sewing materials received, also of books furnishing valuable additions to the library, which the scholars appreciate.

On the whole the year has been a prosperous one. Looking forward to the next, I hope by the aid already received and what is to come, to be able to devote more time to visiting the homes. If each lady interested in this work for the colored people will cut one or two garments and send to your missionaries early in the autumn, their sewing classes will be easily supplied with work, and we shall be able to report a larger list of calls. I have made about 400 this year.

May strength, wisdom and grace be given us to work faithfully, each in her appointed place, and the blessing of God rest upon us and those for whom we labor.

CHILDREN'S PAGE.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IN CHINA.

<p>All shops are closed, no business done ; The busy, bustling crowd are gone ; One seems to be almost alone On New Year's Day in China.</p>	<p>'Tis strangely still, few folks abroad, No coolies stagg'ring 'neath their load : No chair or barrow on the road On New Year's Day in China.</p>
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Anon we saunter down the street,
Some jugglers doing wondrous feat,
With Punch and Judy there complete,
On New Year's Day in China.

As usual, we invited all
Our native friends, both great and small,
To visit us at "Jesus Hall,"
On New Year's Day in China.

All bright and early came each guest,
The men clean-shaved and neatly dressed
In hat and gown and Sunday best,
On New Year's Day in China.

The children decked in colors gay,
Their well-combed hair so smoothly lay,
With rose and poppy each a spray,
On New Year's Day in China.

Then bending slowly to the ground,
Each person makes a bow profound,
And hopes good fortune may abound,
On New Year's Day in China.

Soon, seated round the board, each guest,
Attacks the food with eager zest,
And with his chopsticks does his best,
On New Year's Day in China.

On pleasure now each one is bent,
In cheerfulness and merriment
The quickly-passing hours are spent,
On New Year's Day in China.

When day begins to wear away,
And little folks are tired of play,
We gather round to sing and pray,
On New Year's Day in China.

The elders then, with solemn voice,
Invited all who would rejoice
For God and heaven to make their choice,
On New Year's Day in China.

And so, not vainly spent our day
Should some poor soul one feeble ray
Of brightness gain to cheer his way,
On New Year's Day in China.

CHINA'S MILLIONS.

RECEIPTS FOR JUNE, 1884.

MAINE, \$766.71.

Bangor. First Cong. Ch.	\$24 13
Biddeford. Pavilion Ch., Sab. Sch. Con- cert.	3 03
Franklin County Conference.	20 00
North Bridgton. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	6 00
Portland. St. Lawrence St. Ch., 4.40, and J. J. Gerrish, 10, for <i>Indian M.</i>	14 40
Portland. Seamen's Bethel Ch., 34; West Cong. Ch., 8.20.	42 20
Sherman Mills. Washburn Cong. Ch. and Soc.	2 40
Somerset County Conference.	45 00
Watford. Cen. Cong. Sab. Sch.	9 00
Waterville. Temple St. Ch.	5 09
Yarmouthville. Rev. A. Loring	1 00
Ladies of Maine, by Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, for <i>Missionaries, Selma, Ala., and Wilmingon, N. C.</i>	594 48
Ladies of Maine, by Mrs. J. P. Hubbard, Clothing; Lovell Village, Bbl. of C.; Seaport, Harbor Ch., Bbl. of Goods, Val., 55.	

NEW HAMPSHIRE, \$465.99.

Pedford. Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Colcord.	3 00
Bennington. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	12 35
Bradford. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	2 32
Bristol. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	2 18
Canterbury. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	10 00
Derry. Young People of First Cong. Ch., for <i>Pupil, Bird's Nest, Santee Agency</i>	50 00
Dover. First Cong. Ch. and Soc.	71 37
Exeter. Second Cong. Ch., 135; "A Friend," 1.	136 00
Lyme. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	29 00
Manchester. First Cong. Ch. and Soc., for <i>Indian M.</i>	5 01

Mason. Cong. Ch.	\$3 00
Plaistow and North Haverhill, Mass. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	83 97
Plymouth. Cong. Ch.	17 46
Swanzey. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	10 33
Walpole. Cong. Sab. Sch., to const. EDWIN K. SEABURY L.M.	30 00

VERMONT, \$558.18.

Brookfield. Sec. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	6 30
Castleton. Cong. Ch.	24 00
Chester. By Mrs. W. E. White (one share)	20 00
Danby. Cong. Ch.	3 00
Dorset. Cong. Ch. and Soc., 13.75; and Sab. Sch., 10.	23 75
East Hardwick. Cong. Ch. and Soc., to const. DEA. LUTHER W. ADGATE, M. D., L. M.	30 00
Lyndon. Dr. L. W. Hubbard.	2 50
Morgan. Lucy Little.	50
New Haven. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	52 00
Orwell. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	22 38
Peacham. "A Friend"	5 00
Waterbury. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	25 00
Worcester. Cong. Ch. (ad'l).	1 00
Ladies of Vt., by Mrs. A. W. Wild, for <i>McIntosh, Ga., Brookfield, Second Ch., 7; Greensboro, 8 80.</i>	15 80
By H. H. Thompson, County Treas.: Windham, Cong. Sab. Sch., 13.80; West Brattleboro, Cong. Ch., 13.15.	26 95
	\$258 18

LEGACY.

Franklin. Estate of Mrs. Olive Felton, by W. C. Robie, Ex.	300 00
	\$558 18

MASSACHUSETTS, \$11,640.87.

Amesbury. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	\$7 77
Amherst. Mrs. Elijah Ayres, Bbl. of C., 2 for Freight, for Macon Ga.	2 00
Amherst. First Ch.	25 00
Andover. Chapel Ch. and Soc.	66 68
Andover. "A Friend," for Student Aid, Talladega, C.	2 00
Attleborough Falls. Central Ch. and Soc	20 20
Ballardvale. Mrs. L. J. T. Burnap.	5 00
Boston. Park St. Ch., 1,000; Central Ch. and Soc., 300; Mrs. E. C. Ford, 20; Brookline, "E. P." 150; Roxbury, Walnut Av. Ch. and Soc., 236.71; West Roxbury, S. D. Smith, 50.	1,608 21
Boston. Old South Sab. Sch., for Stu- dent Aid, Fisk U.	15 00
Bridgewater. Rev. I. Dunham.	2 00
Brimfield. Second Cong. Ch. and Soc. for Chattanooga, Tenn.	68 88
Brookfield. Primary S. S. Class, by Mrs. S. H. Reed, for Student Aid.	3 00
Charlmont. Cong. Ch.	7 40
Charlton. Rev. W. C. Fiske	4 50
East Bridgewater. Union Sab. Sch., for Student Aid, Talladega C.	11 84
Easthampton. First Cong. Sab. Sch., for Student Aid, Straight U.	25 00
Florence. Florence Cong. Ch., for In- dian M.	32 77
Georgetown. Memorial Ch.	42 00
Groton. Union Cong. Ch. and Soc.	42 00
Haverhill. West Cong. Sab. Sch.	9 15
Holden. Miss M. A. Perry	2 00
Ipswich. First Cong. Ch. and Soc.	32 24
Leominster. Or. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	20 44
Malden. "A Friend"	1 00
Malden. Mrs. W. H. Wilcox, Bundle of Sheets, for Fisk U.	77 03
Marshfield. First Cong. Ch. and Soc.	53 00
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Medford. Ladies in Mystic Ch. for Stu- dent Aid, Atlanta, Ga.	100 25
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New Bedford. Mrs. M. L. F. Bartlett.	21 15
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Stoneham. Ladies of Cong. Ch., for Student Aid, Talladega C.	21 80
Townsend. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	36 00
Walpole. Orthodox Cong. Ch. and Soc., to const. E. P. STETSON L. M.	27 00
Westborough. Freedmen's Ass'n, Bbl. of Books and Papers. Miss E. E. Bix- by, Bbl. Reading Matter, for Talla- dega C.	153 95
Westborough. Ladies of Cong. Ch., for Freight.	4 00
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By Charles Marsh, Treas. Hampden Benev. Ass'n; Longmeadow. Ladies' Benev. Ass'n, 16.15; Springfield, Oli- vet Ch., 51.21; West Springfield, Park St. Ch., 27.18; First Ch., 13.	107 62
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RHODE ISLAND, \$50.00.

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Hartford. First Ch.	434 00
Hartford. "A Friend," for Student Aid, Talladega C.	2 00
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Lakeville. Mrs. M. H. Williams, for Ma- con, Ga.	2 00
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Clark. S. P. Stewart	3 00
Philadelphia. National Sch. of Oratory, 11 vols., for Library, Macon, Ga.	
Spring Creek. Cong. Ch.	3 00
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Burton. Cong. Ch., to const. Rev. Edward Carlton, L. M.	30 00
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"Open Door" Cong. Ch., 5.85	44 17

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Northfield. Mrs. Knowlton, 5, Mrs. C. S. Norton, 2, Mrs. S. C. Little, 1, G. M. Phillips, 1, A. W. Norton, 1, for <i>Student Aid, Talladega C.</i>	10 00	Macon. W. A. Hodge, for <i>Student Aid</i>	6 50
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Jonesborough. Tuition, 32.50; Dr. Heron, 1.25.....	33 75	INCOMES, \$1,184.40.	
Knoxville. Second Cong. Ch.....	12 00	Avery Fund, for <i>Mendi M.</i>	250 00
Memphis. Tuition.....	241 85	De Forest Fund, for <i>President's Chair, Talladega C.</i>	337 50
Nashville. Jackson St. Cong. Ch.....	5 00	Graves Scholarship Fund, for <i>Talladega C.</i>	125 00
NORTH CAROLINA, \$204.65.		Theo. Endowment Fund, for <i>Howard U.</i>	321 90
Wilmington. Tuition, 196.65; Cong. Ch., 8.....	204 65	Tuthill King Fund, 125, for <i>Atlanta U., and 25 for Berea C.</i>	150 00
SOUTH CAROLINA, \$313.00.		Total for June.....	\$22,773 33
Charleston. Tuition, 290; Plym. Cong. Ch., 15.....	305 00	Total from Oct. 1 to June 30.....	\$176,991 39
Orangeburg. Cong. Ch.....	8 00	FOR THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY.	
GEORGIA, \$525.14.		Subscriptions for June.....	\$24 10
Atlanta. Storrs Sch., Tuition, 163 39; Rent, 3; First Cong. Ch., 30.....	196 39	Previously acknowledged.....	613 60
		Total.....	\$637 70
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August 1st, 1884.

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ART. I. This Society shall be called the American Missionary Association.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to conduct Christian missionary and educational operations and diffuse a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures in our own country and other countries which are destitute of them, or which present open and urgent fields of effort.

ART. III. Members of evangelical churches may be constituted members of this Association for life by the payment of thirty dollars into its treasury, with the written declaration at the time or times of payment that the sum is to be applied to constitute a designated person a life member; and such membership shall begin sixty days after the payment shall have been completed. Other persons, by the payment of the same sum, may be made life members without the privilege of voting.

Every evangelical church which has within a year contributed to the funds of the Association, and every State Conference or Association of such churches, may appoint two delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association; such delegates, duly attested by credentials, shall be members of the Association for the year for which they were thus appointed.

ART. IV. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of October or November, at such time and place as may be designated by the Association, or, in case of its failure to act, by the Executive Committee, by notice printed in the official publication of the Association for the preceding month.

ART. V. The officers of the Association shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary or Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, Auditors, and an Executive Committee of fifteen members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot.

At the first Annual Meeting after the adoption of this Constitution, five members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for the term of one year, five for two years and five for three years, and at each subsequent Annual Meeting five members shall be elected for the full term of three years, and such others as shall be required to fill vacancies.

ART. VI. To the Executive Committee shall belong the collecting and disbursing of funds, the appointing, counseling, sustaining and dismissing of missionaries and agents, and the selection of missionary fields. They shall have authority to fill all vacancies in office occurring between the Annual Meetings; to apply to any Legislature for acts of incorporation, or conferring corporate powers; to make provision when necessary for disabled missionaries and for the widows and children of deceased missionaries, and in general to transact all such business as usually appertains to the Executive Committees of missionary and other benevolent societies. The acts of the Committee shall be subject to the revision of the Annual Meeting.

Five members of the Committee constitute a quorum for transacting business.

ART. VII. No officer shall be made a member of this Association who is not a member of some evangelical church.

ART. VIII. Missionary bodies and churches or individuals may appoint and sustain missionaries of their own, through the agency of the Executive Committee, on terms mutually agreed upon.

ART. IX. No amendment shall be made to this Constitution except by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at an Annual Meeting and voting, the amendment having been approved by the vote of a majority at the previous Annual Meeting.

STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.—*In the South*: In District of Columbia, 1; Virginia, 1; North Carolina, 10; South Carolina, 2; Georgia, 14; Kentucky, 7; Tennessee, 5; Alabama, 15; Kansas, 3; Arkansas, 2; Louisiana, 17; Mississippi, 6; Texas, 6. *Among the Indians*: 5. Total, 94.

INSTITUTIONS FOUNDED, FOSTERED OR SUSTAINED IN THE SOUTH.—*Chartered*: Hampton, Va.; Berea, Ky.; Talladega, Ala.; Atlanta, Ga.; Nashville, Tenn.; Tougaloo, Miss.; New Orleans, La., and Austin, Tex.—8. *Graded or Normal Schools*: Wilmington, N. C.; Charleston, Greenwood, S. C.; Savannah, Macon, Atlanta, Ga.; Mobile, Athens, Selma, Ala.; Memphis, Tenn.; Williamsburg, Lexington, Ky.—12. *Other Schools*: 42. Total, 62.

TEACHERS, MISSIONARIES AND ASSISTANTS.—At the South, 381; among the Chinese, 41; among the Indians, 53. Total, 475. STUDENTS.—In theology, 70; law, 20; in college course, 99; in other studies, 9,451. Total, 9,640. Scholars taught by former pupils of our schools, estimated at 200,000.

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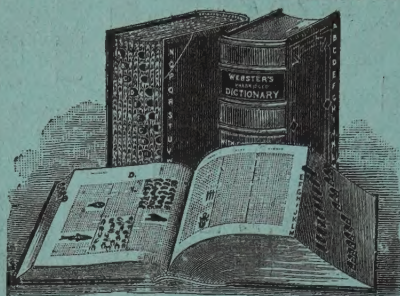
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